

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA ALERT

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HFD INTRODUCES 40 NEW UNITS

WHAT: Press Conference to introduce 40 new HFD units

(*units will be present).

WHEN: Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 9 a.m.

WHERE: Reliant Blue Parking Lot, by gate 6.

DETAILS: Mayor Bill White, Fire Chief Phil Boriskie, Chris Ferrara,

President/CEO - Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Incorporated, HFD Apparatus Committee Chair District Chief Tommy Slagle, and Houston Housing and Community Development Department Director Milton Wilson will present and discuss the funding of 40

new HFD units.

These new units, consisting of 21 ambulances, eight squads, and 11 engines were funded by a Community Development Block Grant. They will replace older units which will be recycled back

into the department's supply of apparatus.